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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 12501

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, EGEN

SUBJECT: US/ASEAN MINISTERIAL -- OPENING STATEMENT AND
SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

REF: MANILA 12326

1. OPENING STATEMENT. REFTEL REPORTS THAT RAJARATNAM
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY
AFTER ROMULO'S OPENING STATEMENT, AND THAT ASEAN THEREFORE
WOULD APPRECIATE SECRETARY VANCE RECOGNIZING RAJARATNAM
FOR THAT PURPOSE. THIS WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL TIME, BUT
MRS. MANALO STRESSES THAT ROMULO HAS AGREED TO RAJARAT-
NAM'S REQUEST AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT HE BE ALLOWED TO
SPEAK. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

2. SEATING ARRANGEMENTS. MRS. MANALO HAS AGAIN RAISED
PHILIPPINE OBJECTIONS TO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD
CALL FOR GOP AND USG SITTING SIDE BY SIDE AT BOTTOM OF
U-SHAPED CONFIGURATION. SHE STRE OES THAT THE PHILIPPINES
SIT AT THE LEFT OPENED END OF THE U-SHAPED CONFIGURATION
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(AT 10 O'CLOCK) TO BE FOLLOWED COUNTER-CLOCKWISE BY THE
OTHER DELEGATIONS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. THIS WOULD PUT
THE UNITED STATES LAST -- AT THE RIGHT OPEN END OF THE U
AND THUS DIRECTLY OPPOSITE TO THE PHILIPPINES. THIS
WOULD SOLVE THE GOP PROBLEM OF APPEARING "SIDE BY SIDE"
WITH THE UNITED STATES. MURPHY

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